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Tabula Novarum Insularum, Quas Diversis Respectibus Occidentales & Indianas uocant.

Stock#: 17332
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1550
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.25 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Gorgeous full color example of Munster's map of America, first issued in 1540.

Munster's map is the earliest map of all of America and the first to name the Pacific Ocean (Mare Pacificum). It is also one of the earliest depictions of Japan. The depiction of North America is dominated by one of the most dramatic geographic misconceptions to be found on early maps-the so-called Sea of Verrazzano. The Pacific cuts deeply into North America so that the part of the coastline at this point is a narrow isthmus between two oceans. This was the result of Verrazzano mistaking the waters to the west of the Outer Banks, the long barrier islands along North Carolina as the Pacific. The division of the New World between Spain and Portugal is recognized on the map by the Castille and Leon flag planted in Puerto Rico, here called Sciana.

Detailed Condition:

Minor repaired tears at the top of the map, just touching printed image. Small hole at lower centerfold, outside printed image.